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9 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, D/S, D/I, D/M, D/A, D/CG, D/GL, St/FM, St/CS (info)
FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR
SUBJECT : ORR Contribution to the OCI Periodic Requirements List (PRL) for USSR, 1 April - 31 July 1959.

1. Contributions are requested from your Branch or Staff for the next issue of the USSR PRL.
2. The Periodic Requirements Lists for major geographic areas are revised every four months and are intended to provide guidance for reporting officers on those aspects of current events having intelligence significance. The list should contain only those requirements which bear a direct relationship to current events and which could conceivably be answered within a four month reporting period. The list is not intended to be a summary of current gaps. Occasionally current international situations may indicate that PRL items should be retained for an additional four month period. However, it is necessary to indicate the special circumstances justifying their retention.
3. Examples of the type of requirements appropriate for inclusion in the PRL are those related to the geographic or economic aspects of:
 - a. Recently promulgated decrees or trade agreements of Bloc governments;
 - b. Recent reports of intra-bloc delegation visits;
 - c. Recent reports of new Bloc credits to underdeveloped areas.
4. Examples of requirements which have been included in the past because of the somewhat lenient editorial policies of CCI but which will not be acceptable in the future are:
 - a. Report current data on oil reserves, production schedules, and construction within the petroleum industry.
 - b. Report any trade developments between Greece and the Bloc.
 - c. Give current production data of chrome ore in USSR.

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As they stand, the above requirements will not meet the purpose of the PRL. However, if they could be shown to be related to some current event or new reporting and could be made sufficiently specific, they might fulfill this purpose.

5. Include for each requirement a background showing its relation to current events. In order to permit maximum utility to the field it is requested that questions be classified individually.

6. Those questions which involve the USSR with other countries of the Soviet Bloc; e.g., questions about importing and exporting, Bloc-wide Civil Defense activities, should be set forth separately under "Soviet Bloc." These questions will be included in a separate section in the published PRL. See pages 51-55 of the 1 January - 30 April 1959 USSR edition.

7. Recent contributions of ORR analysts have generally reflected these policies and branches are urged to continue submitting only those requirements which meet the criteria outlined above.

25X1A9a 8. ORR contributions should be directed to this Staff, Attention: [redacted] extension 521, and should be received no later than close of business, Monday, 23 March 1959. Since this deadline is based on a firm production schedule planned by OCI no exceptions or extensions can be granted by this Office.

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For the Chief,
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